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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction is improper at least because claims 1-17 are directed to a product, a method of making a product, and a method of using the product to make a semiconductor package. Consequently, a restriction is proper ONLY if a three way restriction can be made. Such three way restriction requires that one of the three categories be unpatentable.

Applicants respectfully submit that all three categories of claims 1-17 are patentable. Accordingly, the requirement for restriction in the present case is improper and should be withdrawn.

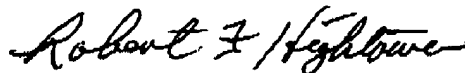
The Office Action states on page 2 that "the claims are not directed to a product, a method of making the product, and a method of using the product." Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is directed to a method of using a leadframe to form a semiconductor package (a method of using a product (the leadframe)), claim 12 is directed to a leadframe (a product), and that claim 15 is directed to a method of forming a leadframe (a method of making the product). Thus, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-17 are directed to a product, a method of making a product, and a method of using the product, thus, the previous traversal in the restriction response filed on 4-12-2005 is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement should be removed because there is not a valid ground under 35 U.S.C. 121 for exercising the Commissioner's discretion and requiring the restriction.

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The provisional election of the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-11, is hereby confirmed. The restriction requirement is traversed, however, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested.

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